

and 1.5 great grandchildren—that is, one is on the way. I thank Bob for his distinguished career in service to the American people, and I wish him many well-deserved years of happiness in retirement.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE BARABOO NATIONAL BANK

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to take the time to recognize and honor Baraboo National Bank located in Baraboo, WI. This year, the bank celebrates 150 years as Baraboo's first and oldest bank.

On July 15, 1857, Simeon Mills joined with Terrell Thomas to open Sauk County Bank, Wisconsin's 15th chartered bank, in a building just down the street from its present location. They began with \$50,000 in operating capital and by the end of that year were well on their way to establishing a successful institution. By the early 1860s, the Sauk County Bank had grown their operating capital to break the \$100,000 mark. A fire in their first location caused the bank to move into temporary quarters on the back of a lot purchased on the corner of Oak and Third Avenue. The new building would soon be built on this corner and stand until today.

In 1873 the charter for Sauk County Bank changed and the bank renamed as First National Bank of Baraboo. For a 7-year period after the bank changed its name, banks in Wisconsin were financially stressed and many were closing across the State. However, through the actions taken by the principle officers and stockholders, the bank was able to avoid disaster. Otto Ringling came to the First National Bank of Baraboo and deposited a large sum of money to show his support for the bank. To show their appreciation, the bank would often send the Ringlings money when they needed help.

The 1880s brought more prosperity to Sauk County and the bank grew well beyond its neighboring competitors to over \$400,000 in assets. By this time the bank decided it was time for a name change. In doing so, was now called The Bank of Baraboo, which would remain for about 58 years. Baraboo was now the 25th largest city in the State. Industry and small businesses all over the county were helped by the bank to get their start.

This included the Circus Industry. The Bank of Baraboo was a strong supporter of the Ringling and Gollmar Brother's Circus. When the Ringling brothers needed money to expand their circus in the 1900s, they turned to The Bank of Baraboo for help. Through the 1920s this bond grew to the point that a few of the Ringlings were appointed directors and became stock holders who were very loyal customers.

In 1938 a final national bank charter changed the name from The Bank of Baraboo to The Baraboo National Bank. As banking products expanded, the bank was now able to provide more

services to the community. They even had a minibank at the local Badger Army Ammunition Plan. The Baraboo National Bank continued to expand the building on the corner, taking in space to the south and to the west.

In 1975, Merlin E. Zitzner became the eleventh president and CEO of The Baraboo National Bank. Zitzner, a Viroqua native, graduated from UW Whitewater and a graduate degree from UW Madison. Under this leadership The Baraboo Bancorporation Inc. was formed as the holding company of The Baraboo National Bank and later the State Bank of Viroqua and Green Lake State Bank.

The Baraboo National Bank continued to grow by adding the Downtown Drive-up Bank branch, West Baraboo branch, East Baraboo branch, Southwest branch and opening the Lake Delton National Bank branch. Later would follow the acquisition of the Rock Springs and Bank of Wonewoc branches. Most recently the Reedsburg National Bank and the Portage National Bank where built as well as the acquisition of the two locations of the Northwoods National Bank in Rhinelander and Elcho.

Today with assets nearing the \$800,000,000 mark and a market share in Baraboo averaging 66 percent, The Baraboo National Bank has a lot to be thankful for. Customer loyalty going back for several generations and local businesses enjoying growth are what the bank is really all about.●

#### RETIREMENT OF DANIEL BERNSTINE

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I want to pay tribute to one of Oregon's and indeed our Nation's finest higher education leaders, Dr. Daniel O. Bernstine, president of Portland State University. Portland State University is our state's largest university, and is foundational to Oregon's well-earned reputation for educational and technological innovation. Earlier this year, President Bernstine announced he would leave PSU at the end of the academic year and become the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Law School Admissions Council in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's gain is truly Oregon's loss. As president of Portland State, Dan and his team have truly transformed Oregon's only urban university. Under his leadership the enrollment has grown substantially; research funding has increased from \$17 million to more than \$40 million; the University completed its first ever comprehensive campaign; and the campus has added a new Urban Center, the University Place hotel, the Native American Student and Community Center, the Simon Benson House, Epler Hall, the Broadway Housing complex, the Peter Stott recreational field, the Northwest Center for Engineering, Science, and Technology, and the Portland Streetcar.

Dan has forged community partnerships that truly reflect the university's motto: Let Knowledge Serve the City. These include many of the nonprofit organizations in the Portland Metropolitan community, the urban and suburban school districts, and the area's community colleges.

I want to highlight a development at Portland State that is especially important to me and to the work I have pursued in the Senate. Shortly after his arrival, Dan said that investment in science, technology, and engineering would be a priority. One area that has emerged as a national research center is in nanometrology. Attracting Dr. Jun Jiao to Portland State set the initiative in motion and today PSU has one of the premier centers for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication. This is evidence that President Bernstine understands the importance of nanotechnology and is committed to having PSU make a major contribution in this area.

Under President Bernstine's leadership, Portland State University has received national recognition for its faculty, community and service-learning programs and is listed in the Princeton Review book, *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement*. For its work to revitalize its community, its work in urban development, and support for the local economy, Portland State University is listed on the first President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and was recognized by The New England Board of Higher Education as one of 25 universities considered "Saviors of Our Cities." The Association of American Colleges and Universities also recognized PSU in its report, "College Learning for the New Global Century," as a leader in the area of fostering civic, intercultural, and ethical learning. And for the past 5 years, Portland State University has ranked among the Nation's best colleges in five categories that lead to student success, according to U.S. News & World Report in its *America's Best Colleges 2007* edition.

For these reasons and more, I consider President Bernstine's decision to take on this new responsibility to be a loss to Portland State University and to Oregon. I am pleased that he will remain active in the higher education community and I wish him well in his new position in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, Daniel O. Bernstine is an Oregon treasure and has made a positive difference in the lives of students and to our community.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2215. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "The Community Development Block Grant Reform Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2216. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities" (RIN1902-AD31) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2217. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Gasification Project Program" (Notice 2007-53) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2218. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Guaranteed Payments" (Notice 2007-40) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2219. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Advanced Coal Project Program" (Notice 2007-52) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2220. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support the sale of the Sensor Fused Weapon to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2221. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles necessary to support the Royal Australian Air Force's Hornet Upgrade Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the transfer of technical data, assistance and manufacturing know-how to Japan for the manufacture of the AN/APX-72 Identification Friend or Foe Transponder; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2223. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense articles and defense services, including manufacturing know-how, to Germany for the manufacture of 120mm tank training ammunition; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2224. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support the manufacture of F-15 aircraft major structural components for Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2225. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on June 7, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2226. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-112. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety and in promoting economic development; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

##### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, the health, safety, welfare, and economic recovery of the residents and businesses of New Orleans East are dependent upon the continued assistance and encouragement from our federal partners; and

Whereas, the Legislature of Louisiana created the New Orleans Regional Business Park as a special municipal district for the primary purpose of engaging industrial, manufacturing, processing, assembling, distribution, and wholesale businesses; and

Whereas, as of early May 2006, approximately forty companies out of one hundred four pre-Katrina were back in business and the future of the others is largely uncertain; and

Whereas, New Orleans East has become the illegal burial grounds for homes and businesses washed out by hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

Whereas, illegal dumping makes it extremely hard to attract businesses to New Orleans East and to the business park; and

Whereas, in the business park alone there are twenty-three known illegal dumping sites and thirteen illegal automobile dumping sites; and

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the business park \$400,000 in grants to catalogue contamination, but none of the federal funds will be used for clean-up; and

Whereas, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement Division, Surveillance Division and Criminal Investigations Section of the Legal Affairs Division have inspected over one hundred sev-

enty-five sites and found potential environmental violations on one hundred fifty of these sites in the Almonaster/Gentilly area alone; and

Whereas, on one of these sites, sixty-five thousand cubic yards of debris or approximately an eleven foot tall mound of debris was found to have been illegally dumped on this one site in New Orleans East; and

Whereas, the illegal piles of debris do not have protective barriers to keep whatever poisons are in the piles contained and from leaking out into the wetlands surrounding this area; and

Whereas, numerous federal agencies have roles and responsibilities in the health, safety, and economic development after hurricanes Katrina and Rita which range from debris removal, oversight of regulations, and recovery funding; and

Whereas, the removal of all dump sites within the New Orleans Regional Business Parks will improve the health, safety, and economic development; Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to urge and request the respective executive branch departments to take a proactive role in assisting the communities of New Orleans East in protecting their health and safety and in promoting economic development; Therefore, be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Congress of the United States and the appropriate federal agencies, in coordination with appropriate Louisiana state agencies, to immediately take the following actions: (a) cease funding any waste disposal activities within the New Orleans Regional Business Park; (b) develop and implement procedures for expeditious environmental sampling, analysis, and reporting; (c) resolve the blurring of debris management responsibilities between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Environmental Protection Agency, and state environmental and public health agencies; (d) review and enhance the Environmental Protection Agency's oversight role of illegal and improper debris disposal; and (e) provide guidance and mechanisms for the development of public/private partnerships in restoring and redeveloping the New Orleans Regional Business Park and the New Orleans East community; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-113. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii urging Congress to create a replacement for the outdated Fast Track Trade Authority system so United States trade agreements are developed and implemented using a more democratic, inclusive mechanism that enshrines the principles of federalism and state sovereignty; to the Committee on Finance.

##### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Whereas, in general, democratic accountable governance in the states, and specifically, the authority granted to the legislative branch by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, is being undermined by international commercial and trade rules enforced by the World Trade Organization and established by the North American Free Trade Agreement, and is further threatened by similar provisions in an array of pending trade agreements; and

Whereas, today's trade agreements have effects that extend significantly beyond the bounds of traditional trade matters such as tariffs and quotas; and